Telephone exchanges in Jharkhand

†3058. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of telephone exchanges in Jharkhand;

(b) the extent of their capacity utilisation each year during the last five years;

(c) the extent of loss of revenue consequent upon under-utilisation of the capacity, if any; and

(d) the reasons for under-utilisation of the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Installed capacity of telephone exchanges set up by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Jharkhand is 6,60,253 lines as on 01.04.2007.

(b) The extent of capacity utilisation each year during the last five years, is as under:

Year	Capacity of Exchanges	Extent of capacity utilised
2002-03	556680	74.58%
2003-04	601736	72.32%
2004-05	627152	72.61%
2005-06	652496	72.06%
2006-07	660253	68.05%

(c) Since the utilisation is as per demand, there is no loss of revenue.

(d) Utilisation of the capacity is as per demand. As the number of mobile connections has been increasing during the last three years, demand for land-line connection has gone down.

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